

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD MARCH 16, 2015

A regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on March 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci with the Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of Silence.

The following people were present: Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci; Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilman Michael Rigaini; Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; and Town Clerk Deputy Cathy Lyden.

The following people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Michael Strenka; John Farrell; Carol Pfister, Michael Campbell; Kurt Andernach; Max Steele and Michael Pirrone.

The following bills were audited by the Board and ordered paid.

General Abstract #6, vouchers #115 through #161 inclusive for \$75,438.65

Highway Abstract #6, vouchers #56 through #68 inclusive for \$8,601.92

The meeting began with a property owner named Kurt Andernach who said that his neighbor Andrew Peck is renting out his cabin. There is no indoor plumbing in the cabin and there is a outhouse. Mr. Andernach mentioned to the board that the renters are going on his property to get to the cabin as well as starting fires and target shooting in the woods. Another property owner Mike Campbell said that his property is also being trespassed by the renters and they are using his private road to get to the cabin. A discussion followed about what the Town can or can not do or if they can get involved. This seems to be a matter between neighbors where the courts may have jurisdiction.

Carol Pfister came before the board asking for money for the Street Festival. She informed the Board that the Street Festival is under new leadership. The Street Festival needs money to fund the fireworks display. A discussion followed.

Councilman Robert Butler made a motion to approve the March 2, 2015 minutes, Seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch, carried 4 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Brandow, Paluch). 1 abstained (Ragaini).

Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Michael Strenka came before the board informing the Board that the AUD report was submitted on March 3, 2015.

Resolution #2015-16 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) to purchase a new copier. A motion was made by Councilwoman April Paluch, Seconded by Councilman Robert Butler, carried. 5 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Brandow, Paluch & Ragaini)

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell came before the board with his monthly report. He noted that there was no overtime during this payroll, they did some maintenance on truck 8 and Truck #3. The Highway Department also started sweeping roads. A discussion about Grant writers and awaiting information regarding a grant followed.

A motion to adopt the January 2015 Supervisors Report was made by Councilwoman April Paluch and Seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini, carried 5 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Brandow, Paluch & Ragaini).

Supervisor Iraci discussed with the board the meeting with the new Accountants Brad Cummings and Nicole Bender.

Supervisor Iraci discussed with the board that there is an opening for and Alternate for the ZBA.

Supervisor Iraci discussed with the board about the meeting he had with Mr. Sanpal regarding the ZBA decision.

Supervisor Iraci discussed Carol McBride as the Interim Assessor. Resolution #2015-17 to Appoint Carol McBride as acting interim assessor a motion was made by Councilman Robert Butler and Seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch, carried. 5 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Brandow, Paluch & Ragaini).

Supervisor Iraci informed the board that the Town of Athens Court books will be audited on the April 6, 2015 meeting.

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A discussion followed regarding a building for the Town offices.

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter was made by Councilman Robert Butler and Seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch, carried. 5 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Brandow, Paluch & Ragaini).

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilman Robert Butler and Seconded by Councilman April Paluch, Carried. 5 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Brandow, Paluch & Ragaini).

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Butler Jr. and seconded by Councilwoman April Paulch to adjourn meeting. Carried 5Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Paluch & Brandow & Ragaini).

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30p.m.